

The Spirit of the Season

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LUMBER CONCERNS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Decree of Ouster Is Issued
Against Them by Missouri
Supreme Court.

HEAVY FINES INDORSED

Companies Are Convicted of
Combining in Restraint
of Trade.

Jefferson City, Mo., December 24.—The Missouri Supreme Court to-day issued a decree of ouster against several wholesale lumber companies. The Supreme Court suspended its decrees of ouster against the twenty companies named on condition they pay the fines imposed and hereafter conform to the antitrust laws of the State.

The fines aggregate \$135,000. In addition to the suspended ouster decrees issued the licenses of three other companies not incorporated in Missouri were revoked and fines were imposed. The ouster decree applies to the following companies, which also are fined the amounts indicated:

Air Bennett Lumber Company, \$14,000; Bowman-Ricks Lumber Company, \$10,000; Bradley Lumber Company, \$50,000; Calcasieu Long Leaf Lumber Company, \$50,000; Colonial Lumber and Timber Company, \$10,000; Central Coal and Coke Company, \$50,000; J. Cater Lumber Company, \$5,000; Dixie Lumber Company, \$5,000; Foster Lumber Company, \$5,000; George W. Miles Timber and Lumber Company, \$10,000; Grayson-McLeod Lumber Company, \$50,000; Hogg-Harris Lumber Company, \$5,000; Leigh-Havens Lumber Company, \$5,000; Long-Bell Lumber Company, \$50,000; Lewis-Werner Sawmill Company, \$5,000; Loykin Land and Lumber Company, \$5,000; Missouri Land and Lumber Company, \$5,000; Mining Company, \$50,000; the Ozark Lumber Company, \$5,000; Van Cleave Lumber Company, \$5,000.

The decree of the court was issued in accordance with the recommendation of a special commissioner, who, after taking testimony, reported that the companies had entered into an illegal agreement to control the price of lumber and limit the production thereof.

The commissioner found that the companies had violated the law in the following ways:

By using what was known as an association price list.

By curtailing the output in lumber in 1904 and 1905 for the purpose of increasing the price of yellow pine lumber.

By entering into what was known as the joint trade relations agreement in 1904 between members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association and members of various retail dealers' associations.

By blacklisting certain retailers who did not conform to "trade ethics." By dividing territory and refusing to sell to consumers in car load lots or to co-operative stores. The names of the foreign companies whose licenses were revoked and the fines imposed, but suspended, follow:

Chicago Lumber and Coal Company, \$50,000; Dickes Lumber and Coal Company, \$5,000; Freeman Smith Lumber Company, \$10,000; Arkansas Lumber Company, \$5,000.

The Detroit Timber and Lumber Company was found not guilty because it was not definitely shown that the concern was a member of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association.

The suits against the lumber companies were filed in 1905 by Herbert S. Hadley, then Attorney-General, acting in concert with the Attorney-Generals of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, who filed similar suits in their States. The reason the Supreme Court suspended the decree of ouster is set forth thus:

"Being of the opinion that there are diverse degrees of guilt among these respondents and that upon the face at least the Yellow Pine Association has reformed of the evils which it long openly and flagrantly practiced, we are of the opinion that the ends of justice will be served by granting a stay of execution pending the further order of this court, of the decree of forfeiture and ouster as to some of these respondents upon the payment of the fines severally assessed against them within thirty days."

MURDER ATTEMPT BY QUACK DOCTOR

Facing Workhouse, He Shoots
Attorney for State Health Board.

Chicago, December 24.—A sensational attempt on the life of Charles Alling, Jr., former Alderman and now attorney for the State Board of Health, was made to-day by an alleged quack medical practitioner, Frank Klimmek, who then turned his revolver on himself. P. H. Schwaba, an assistant to Mr. Alling, was slightly wounded. Alling was shot in the eye and lost consciousness. A physician, who was called in, could not tell whether the wound would prove fatal. Klimmek will die, it was reported. The shooting occurred in Alling's office in the presence of a number of clients and grew out of the prosecution of Klimmek for practicing medicine without a license. The prosecution was instituted by the State Board of Health, represented by Alling and Schwaba as counsel. Klimmek was fined \$200. To-day he called on Alling with reference to the case, asking that Alling try to get the fine reduced, as Klimmek said he was destitute and would have to serve out the fine in the workhouse.

Alling replied that he would recommend the fine be reduced to \$100.

"You don't need to do that," said Klimmek, "because I have to go jail anyway—I have not \$100."

Alling was about to reply, when Klimmek drew his pistol and fired. Schwaba rushed forward, but was stunned for a moment by a second bullet, which grazed his head. Klimmek then fired a bullet into his own left side.

The shooting occurred so suddenly that several clients who were in the office had no time to interfere. Alling staggered into an adjoining office, whence he was removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

POLICEMAN WOUNDS WOMAN.

Sergeant Johnson, Shooting at Fugitive, Hits Colored Girl.

While attempting to stop a negro fugitive last night at 11:40 o'clock, at First and Main Streets, Police Sergeant Johnson fired several shots and one of them struck Sarah Jones, colored, fifteen years old of 4 South First Street, who was crossing the street. She was



"A Merry Christmas to All"



"The very book I wanted."



"It was so thoughtful of you."



"When you were a little boy you looked just like him."

The spirit of Christmas is shown in the happy faces of the people we meet on the street, in the jolly, good-natured bustle of the shoppers and in the mysterious hiding of bundles. It is in the very air we breathe and it draws us closer to friends and relatives.

All through the holidays the telephone will be flashing millions of greetings and good wishes far and near over its network of wires. It will be carrying the slightest inflection of the human voice out to the far-away friend and relative. Kindness and forgiveness and laughter will be on the wires. Old-time friends will be reminded that they are not forgotten, and where in the old days one Christmas visit was made in person, ten now will be made by telephone.

If you have a surplus of happiness during the holiday season, why not telephone a part of it to some one who has less? The telephone, you know, is the great and almost limitless roadway over which the Christmas spirit can travel.



"Thank you so much, they are delicious."



"Auntie, I just lost my new dollie."



"Old man, the Perfectos are great."

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CHRISTMAS MYTH COSTS HIS LIFE

Philanthropist Dies in Order to
Bring Santa Claus to
Poor Child.

Denver, Col., December 24.—Little Wilbur Harris, eight-year-old son of a poor mother, will have his Santa Claus Christmas, but W. H. Heap, a philanthropist, who came to Denver from Paterson, N. J., because he was the salvation of the Christmas myth for little Wilbur, is dead.

His death came yesterday because he ignored his physicians order to remain in bed, and walked several blocks through deep snow to aid the impoverished family. He carried a sled, train of cars, clothes, rubbers, candy and many other presents for the destitute Harris family.

To Heap had come word, through his interest in a local legion of "goodfellows," that Mrs. Harris had, in desperation, told her little boy there was no Santa Claus for poor children. Mr. Heap rose from his bed, and in his automobile was driven to the shopping district where he himself made the selection of gifts which were to bring happiness to the boy. The automobile could not penetrate the deep drifts of snow in the lower part of the town, so Mr. Heap, staggering under his burden, walked to the Harris door, a couple of blocks away.

In presenting the sled to the mother, Mr. Heap remarked:

"The sled will do him lots of good. I think it is the youngest who is a cripple can get out in the open with plenty of warm clothes he may be cured partially of his ailment. Let's see, on air is the best thing we have anyway."

A violent coughing spell seized the philanthropist, who was half-carried to his motor car by the happy mother.

He was hurried home and specialists were summoned. But it was too late. He had died.

SAVES HIM FROM JAIL THEN SAVES HIS LIFE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., December 24.—The wife of Tom Austin, a white man, was taking him home late to-day to keep him from being locked up for drunkenness.

At the Rivermont viaduct, she tossed a half-gallon jug of liquor she had taken from the man over the bridge. Austin took the jug, and knowing what he was doing, climbed on the rail and was about to plunge after his liquor, but she was able to hold him until a passer rushed to her rescue. Later, Austin was locked up. Had the man not been held by his wife he would have fallen 100 feet.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Unknown Man Is Victim of Gas at Staunton.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Staunton, Va., December 24.—An unknown man was found dead in bed at the Palmer House to-day with the gas jet turned on. He is believed to have died some time in the night from asphyxiation. The coroner expressed the opinion that the stranger had not committed suicide, but either had blown

out the gas or turned it on accidentally. He took a room for the night, paying in advance for lodging, and was without baggage. There was nothing about his clothing to identify him except a card in his coat pocket with the name "Sullivan" on it. He was well dressed, wore a heavy gold watch, and was about twenty-five years old. He had only a small sum of money. When he engaged room without registering he left a call for 6 o'clock, and at this hour he was called, but it was not noticed whether he acknowledged the call, and nothing more was thought about it until a strong odor of gas was noticed in the halls when an investigation was made.

Shot by Woman.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Salisbury, N. C., December 24.—Mrs. Janet Almond late this afternoon fired a bullet into W. D. Wright, a

boilermaker, who called at her home, in Salisbury. The two quarreled and scuffled, it is said, over the gun. Wright was fleeing from the home when shot. His condition is not serious.

Committee Called to Meet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., December 24.—Following the positive announcement of Congressman C. B. Slemo, of the Ninth Virginia District, that he will not be a candidate succeed himself at the end of his present term, Chairman Charles S. Pendleton, of the district Republican committee, has called the committee to meet in Bristol January 3 for the purpose of considering the matter of how and when a candidate shall be nominated.

A Merry Christmas

to All Our Patrons

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